

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 4 and 10 will be pending in the present application following entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-3, 7, 9, and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein in order to reduce the issues on appeal. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 10. No new matter has been added by way of amendment.

CONCLUSION

All claim rejections being addressed in full, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, who can be reached at (919) 483-1467.

Respectfully submitted,

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